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1. [ ] - PLC) Called Doug Marvin, staff man for Senator Roman L. Hruska (R., Neb.), to inquire if H.R. 12471 (S. 2543) amending the Freedom of Information Act, would be going to conference. Marvin did not know and suggested that I call Tom Susman, Senator Edward M. Kennedy's (D., Mass.) staff man on Judiciary. I again expressed our appreciation for his assistance during the Committee and floor consideration of the bill. He expressed regret that the Muskie amendment passed and noted that a number of Senators who voted for the amendment told Senator Hruska privately that were it not for Watergate, they would have voted it down; however, their constituencies are strongly in favor of public disclosure.

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2. [ ] - PLC) Called Tom Susman on H.R. 12471 (S. 2543), amending the Freedom of Information Act. Susman stated that the House is pressing for a conference since the Senate version differs substantially from the House bill. He doubts if the conference will be held before next week since Senator Kennedy is presently tied up.

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3. [ ] - PLC) Called Jim Oliver, OMB, to inquire as to the status of our proposed legislation to amend the National Security Act of 1947 to afford greater protection to Intelligence Sources and Methods. Oliver stated that all reports commenting on the legislation, namely, Justice, State, and Defense, have been received. OMB is aware that the Agency and Justice are meeting to resolve the problems with the legislation raised by Justice. OMB has been taking no action pending resolution of these problems. If an impasse should develop, he suggested that OMB, Justice, and the Agency meet to resolve the problem. Oliver will send us the reports of State and Defense, principally for our information, since Justice is the principal agency concerned.

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